



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Our school Values

Honesty ~ Excellence ~ Respect ~ Resilience ~ Perseverance

Our Moral Purpose - Students will be able to choose a life that has meaning.

Warracknabeal Secondary College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.

*Term 2 Week 7
1st June,
2017*

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We are officially in June and the long weekend is just around the corner. This is a particularly exciting one with the *150 Years* celebrations taking place over the weekend. I look forward to meeting a number of past students and staff coming back to town and can spend some time showing them around the school. School Tours will be available Saturday morning and there will be some staff available to lead groups around the grounds.

Yesterday I spent the day with the Year 7 & 8 netball team as they went through undefeated for six games. Their skill and teamwork certainly stood out, but I was most impressed by their sportsmanship. Clearly playing against players who had not played netball before, some of our players helped explain the rules, coach their opponent on where they should go, and even passed them the ball. They did a wonderful job of showing respect and were a great advocate for our inclusive values.

On Monday, we welcomed Matt Friedlieb to our teaching team for the remainder of the year after doing a great job filling in for John Bish while he was on Long Service Leave. Mr. Friedlieb will be teaching Year 12 PE and assisting in a number of other areas to relieve staff and to support student needs. He has been running lunchtime activities most days, which have been incredibly popular, especially with the Year 12s looking to release some stress.

On the 13th of June, there will be an 'Assessment and Reporting' professional development day for our staff to ensure we are accurately reporting to the new Victorian Curriculum. As a result, students in Year 7-11 and VCAL will not be required at school; however, Year 12 exams will continue as scheduled.

Michael Briggs-Miller

Principal

Absence Hotline - 5398 1433 Or email

Charmaine – Mon, Tues and Fri - wilson.charmaine.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Chelsea – Wed and Thurs - smith.chelsea.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

Please notify the school by 12 noon on the day of the absence.

ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Heath Schulz

Exams

Exams are just around the corner with Year 10/11 students starting on Monday and Year 12's the following week. A reminder that all students are expected to remain at school for the entire day unless going home for lunch during lunchtime. Students will have an opportunity to continue to study and prepare for exams in between exams or if they do not have one. Next Wednesday will also be a normal school day (VET and study hall)

Goal setting for exams

Students, in consultation with their teachers, have been setting goals for each of their exams in classes. This goal will be used to reflect on each exam result after exams have been completed. It is important that students are striving for personal excellence and personal exam goals are one way that the senior school is facilitating this.

General Achievement Test (GAT)

Next week, Ms Zhou and I will be conducting a GAT preparation session on Tuesday during lunch. The following information was discussed with students this last week.

What is the GAT?

The General Achievement Test is a test of general knowledge and skills in:

- written communication
- mathematics, science and technology
- humanities, the arts and social sciences.

Although GAT results do not count directly towards a student's VCE results, they play an important role in checking that school-based and external assessments have been accurately assessed, and in calculating Derived Examination Scores (calculated when a student cannot attend an exam).

The GAT is used in these ways because achievement on the GAT is a good predictor of achievement on other assessments. If students have done well on the GAT, then their achievements are likely to be high on their school-based and external assessments.

How is the GAT used?

The VCAA will use students' GAT scores as a basis for:

- contributing to statistical moderation of school-based assessment results
- checking the accuracy of external assessment marking
- calculating the Derived Examination Scores.

Overall, the GAT is an important tool to ensure students have been assessed accurately and fairly. If you have any further questions about the GAT please consult the pamphlet handed out with Yr12 exam timetables or on the following link. <http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce/exams/gat/aboutgat.aspx>.

VCAA exam timetable

A reminder that the end of Year VCAA exam timetable is now available at the following link <http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce/exams/timetable.aspx#timetable>. Students will be given a personal timetable in October.

Heath Schulz

Acting Assistant Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – WHITNEY MUNROE

On the 7th of June, we are holding a **Prospective Student Information Session** at the school for incoming Year 6 students and any other students/families who are interested to learn more about Warracknabeal Secondary College. We are offering two options for sessions:

- 8:00am – 8:45am, light breakfast included, or
- 6:00pm – 6:45pm, light dinner included

Both sessions will include a tour of the school and presentations from many of our current students. The students will be highlighting the various opportunities and experiences they have had at Warracknabeal Secondary College. We will also have a variety of staff members present to answer any questions you may have.

All families and students are welcome! If you would like to attend the Prospective Student Information Session, please RSVP by calling our office at 03 5398 1433 by Monday, 5th of June. Please note: the sessions are identical, so you only need to attend one.

Our students in **Hands on Learning** have been completing some great projects around the school. Recently, they built a new table in the school yard using a variety of materials. The students used maths to design and construct the table, learning how to use different measurement tools to make this happen. They are very proud of their work and many other students at school have recognised their great work!



Congratulations to all of the students who were involved in the sport day on the 31st of May in Horsham. The students showed exemplary sportsmanship skills and exhibited our school value of **respect** when interacting with the other school students. We are so proud of all of you!

Whitney Munroe

Assistant Principal of Middle School

WELLBEING REPORT:

It has been a fun week here at the school thus far. We started off with a fantastic whole school assembly to respond to reconciliation week. It was an amazing way to look back on our history and also to look forward to our future and in what ways we as a community of people can take steps forward as a nation. Along with the assembly, we also had a staff and student morning tea in the foyer of the hall on Thursday morning. Staff and students enjoyed pancakes, milo and some competitive table tennis, which was a fantastic showing of the great relationships our students and staff have here at Warracknabeal Secondary College.

I have also been spending a lot of time with the fantastic VCAL students this week and have been working alongside them on a wide range of different projects. It has been a great way to engage with them all as a group and individually.

As a school and as a wellbeing team we love to see that our lunchtime foyer 'wellbeing hub' has begun to be a hit with a large number of students. Every day of the week students can come into the foyer – warm up – play some board games – relax on the couches – heat their food up and much, much more. It also provides our wellbeing team an awesome environment to connect with the students at the school.

Greg McKinnon

WSC Student Wellbeing Worker

Enviro News!



This week students, families and friends of St Mary's helped celebrate their 5-star ResourceSmart Schools achievement. In other news, Warracknabeal Secondary College has achieved 4-star status for ResourceSmart Schools! We would like to thank our readers for switching to online newsletters in 2017. As winter approaches we would like to encourage students to dress in warm uniform (or with layers underneath) rather than shorts and t-shirts and rely on heaters all day. Let's continue to be Resource Smart!!

Last week during our Enviro meetings at lunch time, students collected some samples from the Yarriambiack Creek and did some water testing. We have submitted our salinity data as part of Saltwatch week and will continue to be part of the River Detectives pilot program for the rest of the year. Please join us!



Kate Morgan

Environmental Coordinator, ResourceSmart Teacher of the Year.

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We are up to 836 LIKES on the Warracknabeal Secondary College Facebook page. If you haven't already "liked" our page make, sure you do so you can get updates on what's happening around the school.

English

In English, 9B have been doing a 'multiple intelligences' project where they creatively respond to Michael Morpurgo's novel *War Horse* by creating a range of products, such as board games, trading cards, letters, diaries, and more.



Ms Cindy Zhou

English teacher and W.O.R.D.S. Literacy Coordinator



Music Lessons at Warracknabeal Secondary College

Mr Shane Worthy, who has a Bachelor of Education and Associate Certificate in Voice is happy to offer singing and piano lessons at Warracknabeal Secondary College. Mr Worthy has taught both piano and voice at many prestigious schools in Melbourne and Geelong and has performed in many shows and competitions with outstanding success. Any student who is interested in having piano and singing lessons are to contact Mr Briggs-Miller to register their interest.



English Support is available every Tuesday in Room 11 at lunch times with **Cindy Zhou**
Maths Support every Tuesday & Thursday with **John Bish**
All Welcome

BLACK RANGES CROSS COUNTRY

19 students, along with Mr Shannon and myself, made the trip down to Murtoa for the second level of cross country. The weather was rather cold but students pushed up through that and all ran extremely well and did the school proud. Of those 19 students, ten of them have qualified for the third level, the Greater Western Region cross country, to be held in Warrnambool on Monday, June 5. The qualifiers (and their results from Thursday) are:

- Dylan Watts 7th 12/13
- Aiden Keys 10th 14

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| • Lachie Stewart | 5 th * | 15 | *The 15-year-old boys qualified as a team |
| • Charlie Penny | 9 th * | 15 | |
| • Lachie Golder | 10 th * | 15 | |
| • Will Martin | 15 th * | 15 | |
| • Dane Stewart | 16 th * | 15 | |

- Brooke Morrow 10th 15
- Sandon Schultz 2nd 16
- Jayden Smith 6th 16

BLACK RANGES INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL

Last Friday, seven of the Year Nine and Ten boys took the trek down to Ararat, taking part in the Black Ranges Intermediate Basketball. The boys played three games for the day, beginning with a contest against St Brigids C. The boys made light work of the opposition, winning 37 points to just seven. Charlie Penny top scored with 18 points in that match. Next, we versed St Brigids A, who provided a little bit more competition, and they defeated us 21 points to 16. We shot 17% from the field, which proved costly in the end. Tyson Michael led with seven points and Matt Penny next best with five. Our final match was against Holy Trinity Lutheran, and throughout the whole match, the margin barely exceeded three points for either side. In the end, WSC came out on top, winning 21 points to 19, with Dane Stewart hitting a clutch three (no celebration though) to extend the teams lead late in the second half, eventually holding on for victory. The boys finished with a two and one record for the day, and fell agonizingly short on playing in the final. They may have to practice their shooting in their spare time, with the team making just 29 shots from 119 attempts (24.4%) from the field across the three games and left the coaches dazzled by a poor display of shooting. Jokes aside, the boys enjoyed a successful day, concluded with a trip to McDonalds. Thank you to Mr Shannon for taking on the joint coaching role for the day and also driving us all down.

D. Stewart playing for his beloved Pablos Basketball team. *No photos were taken on the day so this is the best we could do*



girls down to Horsham also!

Also on Friday, an enthusiastic group of year 9/10 girls made the trek to Horsham for the Black Ranges Intermediate Basketball tournament. The girls battled hard all day with all the girls showing great perseverance and a steely resolve in the face of some heavy losses. A special mention to Imogen for splashing a 3 pointer from way downtown!! Great effort girls! Big thanks to Mr Friedlieb for taking the

STATE GOLF

Year 9 student Lachlan Stewart qualified for the State Golfing Championships in Melbourne on Friday, May 26. Lachlan was one of 80 participants on the day. He finished with a score of 19 over par (91), resulting in him finishing 62nd. Great work Lachie!

BLACK RANGES 7/8 FOOTBALL & NETBALL

Yesterday, we made the trip down to a muddy Dudley Cornell Park in Horsham to participate in the Black Ranges Year 7/8 Super 9's competition. The boys toiled hard all day but were unsuccessful in their quest to win any games for the day. Josiah Keam was crowned our best player for the day after working tirelessly throughout each of the three games.



The results were:

GAME 1: DIMBOOLA 5.4.34 def WARRACK 3.5.23

Goals: Daniel Penny 2, Jed Koschitzke 1.

GAME 2: MURTOA 9.9.63 def WARRACK 1.2.8

Goals: Daniel Penny 1.

GAME 3: HOLY TRINITY 9.9.63 def WARRACK 3.0.18

Goals: Kyle Eliades 1, Angus Jardine 1, Jed Koschitzke 1.

Thank you to coach Dane "Frecklicious" Stewart and assistant coach Mr Friedlieb for assisting on the day too!



Along with the football, the Year 7/8 netball was on in Horsham on Wednesday down at the Horsham City Netball Courts. The girls had a super successful day on the court, winning all six of their games, displaying extreme skill, sportsmanship and dominance on the court. The biggest win of all on the day for the girls was finishing well ahead of schedule and getting McDonalds before going home, which they were told prior to leaving that they would run out of time. Well done to super-coach Mikeely Fisher and also to Jan for umpiring on the day. Big shout-out to our bus driver "Gowie" for transporting everyone across.

It has been a full-on week in the sporting department at the school, but well done to all participants, you all did a fantastic job, especially those heading to Warrnambool on Monday.

Will Richardson
Sports Assistant

Game of Tiaras News

The production team and cast will be running a
Sausage Sizzle and Cake sale at the Warracknabeal 150 Year Anniversary
event on the 11th of June (Sunday)

The money raised from the Sausage Sizzle will be put towards the creation of sets, the hiring
of costumes and advertising. Please come down, buy a sausage and support your school!



Last week in the Newsletter we announced a changing of performance dates.
We are retracting that announcement and continue forward with the original dates of the
7th and 8th of September.
Thankfully these bumps in the path to the performances are being worked out now, months before the
performance. This will be the last change to the performance dates!
Thank you for your patience!

We appreciate the community's continued support!

Natalie Gordon

Game of Tiaras Director.

Careers Report

Neighbourhood House Warracknabeal - upcoming courses

First Aid – HLTAID003

Date: Monday June 5th 2017

Cost: \$175 Full First Aid. \$80 CPR only

Time: 9am – 4pm CPR- Morning only

Please enroll by 31/5/17

Food Safety Handler – SITXFSA101

Date: Friday June 16th 2017

Cost: \$110

Time: 11am – 2pm

Please enroll by June 9th and collect your workbook that needs to be completed before the course on the 16th.

RSA – SITHFAB201

Date: Friday June 16th 2017

Cost: \$110

Time: 3pm – 7pm

Please enroll by Friday June 9th

If interested in any of the above courses please call the Centre on 5396 1360 and speak to Rachel Thomson.

Job Opportunity - Water Operations Trainee

Skillinvest, on behalf of GWM Water, is currently recruiting for Water Operations Trainees in varying locations across the catchment area including: Edenhope, Ouyen, Swan Hill, Birchip, Donald, Ararat, and Stawell. The applicant will complete Certificate 3 in Water Operations over a 24 month period. The traineeship offers the combination of work and study to achieve qualifications in the Water Industry Operations while gaining valuable work experience.

For further details please contact Shane Cross on 0418 564 890.

TO APPLY: please forward your cover letter and resume and an indication of your preferred work location to recruitment@skillinvest.com.au by 5pm Friday 2nd June 2016.

Work Experience

All Year 10 & 11 students have been given arrangement forms for the upcoming work experience weeks (Year 10 – 19th June, Year 11 - 26th June). Please support your children in helping to arrange a week of work experience. Please see Mrs Stewart if you have any questions.

Cleverstitch Dimboola – Work Experience Opportunity

Year 10 & 11 students - there is a work experience opportunity at Cleverstitch in Dimboola in various fields such as manufacturing, administration, retail or graphic design. If you are able to get to Dimboola every day or stay over with friends/relatives it would be a great experience for a week. Possibility of a school based apprenticeship on offer for 2018. Please see me for further information.

Nicole Stewart

Careers/VET Co-ordinator

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Tuesday 27th June
9.30am - 2.00 pm
Wimmera Events Centre, Longerenong

Exhibitor List & Seminar Program
can be found at our Website

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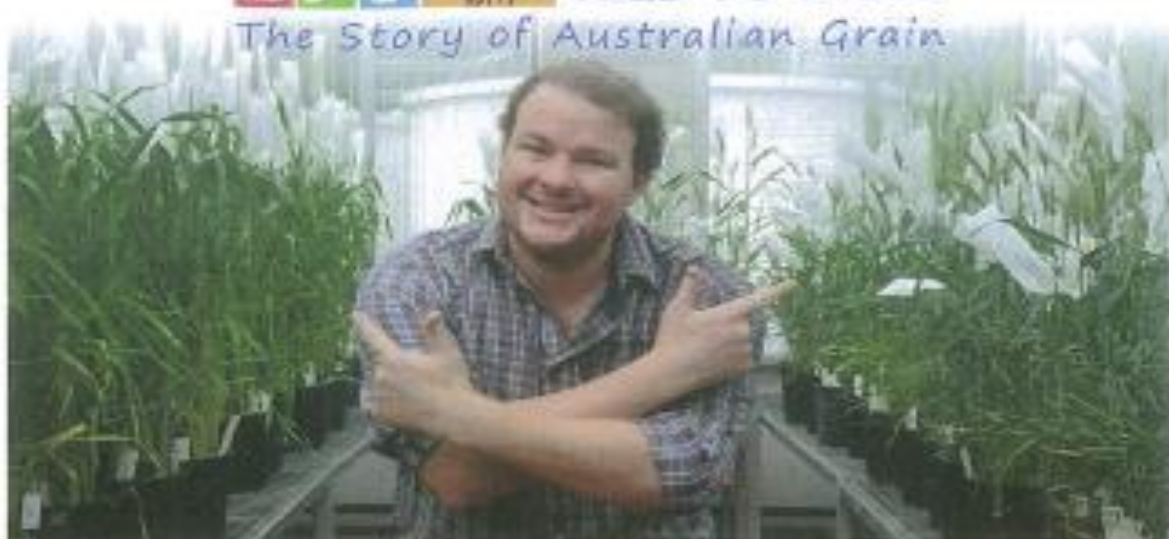
Warracknabeal Secondary College has 34 students currently enrolled in VET courses on offer through the WASM cluster. From Agriculture to Sport & Recreation, our students are working towards either a Certificate II or Certificate III course that also gains them credit towards their VCE or VCAL certificates. If your Year 9 – 11 student is interested in a VET course in 2018 please keep your eye out in the next few weeks for information on the upcoming VET try day for 2018 to be held in week 3 Term 3. Here is a small snapshot of what our VET students get up to on a Wednesday at VET!!





SEED TO STORE

The Story of Australian Grain



We want an insight into the innovation and excitement of the grains industry! Create an entertaining one minute YouTube clip profiling any aspect of the Australian grains industry to **WIN \$1000 CASH** presented by Grains Ambassador, Andrew 'Cosi' Costello, at the 2017 Royal Adelaide Show!



SEED TO STORE

Prize Schedule | Competition Information

1 - 10 September 2017 theshow.com.au



ENTRY DETAILS:

- » Enter as an individual or team and enter as many times as you like!
Entry is \$10 per video clip.
- » There are two categories within this competition 'School Student Entrant' and 'Community Entrant', each with \$1000 to win!
- » Entries close **5.00pm Friday 11th August 2017** and the video clip must be completed at the time of entry.
- » The top entries will be played during the Royal Adelaide Show on the Coke Stage and feature on a rolling loop in the Golden Grains Pavilion with these entrants receiving free admission to the show on Tuesday 5th September for presentations.
- » The Winning video clip will be promoted via Facebook and other media channels.

THE GREAT GRAIN PITCH

Entrants may profile any aspects of grains and pulses. We would love to see the industry promoted for its opportunities and achievements.





UniExperience

Thursday 6 July — Friday 7 July 2017
University of Melbourne, Parkville campus



Attention Year 11 Students!

Are you a rural student, first in the family to consider university or do you identify as indigenous? Come and experience student life at the University of Melbourne!

UniExperience gives Year 11 students the opportunity to come on-campus and experience university life first-hand. The two-day program demystifies the university experience by giving you the chance to stay at our Parkville campus and take part in a range of sessions covering many aspects of tertiary study.

You are eligible to apply for UniExperience if:

- You attend secondary school in a Victorian regional or border town
- You are the first in family to consider attending university and no members of your immediate family (parents, grandparents or siblings) have been awarded a university qualification
- You identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

The program:

- On-site accommodation and meals at one of the University's residential colleges
- Guided campus tours
- Detailed information on the Melbourne curriculum and course offerings
- Course expo where you can ask about the transition to university, student support services, accommodation options and scholarships
- Find out about unique opportunities to enrich your degree such as studying a concurrent diploma, going on exchange and participating in community involvement activities at Melbourne
- Social activities and the opportunity to meet both peers and current university students.

futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/contact

Cost

\$100.00 (including GST) covers all meals, overnight accommodation and all materials relating to the program. Limited bursaries are available.

Register online

Complete the online application form via: futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/unixp

Applications close:

Friday 16 June 2017

Note: Places are limited. Selection will be based on your reasons for wanting to participate as outlined in your application.

For more information

Stephanie Wilson
Student Recruitment Officer
+61 3 8344 8376
stephanie.wilson1@unimelb.edu.au

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Calendar of Events



June

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| 2 nd | Deakin Uni visit (Geelong) |
| 5-9 th | Yr. 10-11 Exams |
| 5 th | Charlton Drive School VCAL |
| 12 th | Queen's Birthday (No school) |
| 13 th | Student free day (excluding Yr 12) |
| 13 th - 16 th | Yr. 12 Exams |
| 14 th | GAT |
| 19 th - 23 rd | Yr. 10 Melbourne Trip |
| 19 th - 23 rd | Yr. 10 Work Experience |
| 27 th | Careers Expo Yr 9-12 |
| 30 th | Last day Term 2 |



Juno Vesta
Equality Strength Community

Juno Vesta is a local LGBTQI+ group created to help support
young people aged 12—25 years.

Proudly supported by



Find us on
Facebook
junovestalgbt@gmail.com
Rainbow Committee: 5358 7400

Community Events

Yarriambiack Parent Support Network Meeting


Are you a parent of a child aged 0-18, with a disability or developmental delay? Would you like to meet and receive mutual support with other parents in your area, and access information to help support you and your child's needs?

Come along to 'The Creekside Hotel' this Friday 2nd June at 12noon, where we can chat in a friendly, relaxed environment and offer support to each other.

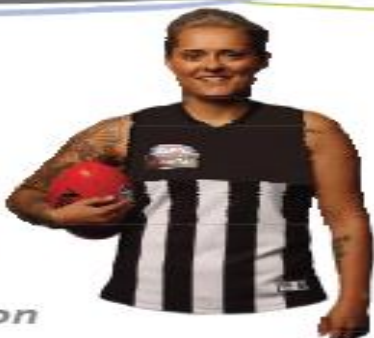
Come along and see what it's all about! For more information, contact:

Julie Dunmill
Strengthening Parent Support Program Coordinator
Wimmera Uniting Care
53624042 or 0427 633 458



**Leadership Wimmera** presents

Breakfast
with **Moana Hope**
Q & A Interactive Session



A powerhouse of Womens Football since the age of 16 when she first pulled on the jumper for Victoria in a Senior Representative game, which culminated in All Australian selection, there is so much that Moana has achieved in her football career to date. With footy in her blood, a passion she shared with her late father, Gary, Moana has always loved playing AFL. With Womens Football participation at an all time high and after the announcement of the new AFL Womens League, Moana is set to take Womens Football by storm and take her goal kicking prowess from local grounds to the big stage for the biggest sporting club in Australia, Collingwood.





Tuesday 27 June 2017
7.30 - 8.30 am

Federation University
Auditorium
Baillie Street - Horsham

Cost: \$10 Adult or \$5 Student
Includes light breakfast

Book your place TODAY
5381 6507 or sboddi@wda.org.au
RSVP - Monday 26 June

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